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SUBJECT: FURTHER SIGNS OF "NORMALCY"

- 1. AS LATEST INDICATIONS OF RETURN TO NORMALCY AND ITS OWN EFFECTIVE CONTROL, NEW GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC, SHORTNING OF CURFEW, REOPENING OF BORDER WITH INDIA.
- 2. BANGLADESH IS SLOWLY BEGINNING TO RESTORE TELE-COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUTSIDE WORLD. FIRST INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SINCE COUP ARRIVED IN DACCA AUGUST 18 (BIMAN FROM LONDON). FIRST INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM BANGLA-UNCLASSIFIED

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DESH DEPARTED TODAY AUGUST 20 FOR BANGKOK AND CALCUTTA

(BOTH BANGLADESH BIMAN). BANGLADESH BIMAN PLANS ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS TO KUWAIT LATER TODAY, AUGUST 20, AND TO LONDON TOMORROW, AUGUST 21. INDIAN AIRLINES MADE SINGLE ROUND TRIP TODAY, CALCUTTA-DACCA-CALCUTTA. DESPITE NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS TO CONTRARY, NO PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS, TELEX MESSAGES OR TELEGRAMS HAVE BEEN SENT SINCE COUP. HOWEVER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE HAD CORPS REPS HERE NOW FILE STORIES WITH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WHICH FORWARDS SAME FOLLOWING "CLEARANCE".

- 3. NEW CURFEW HOURS, EFFECTIVE TONIGHT, ARE 2300-0500. (LAST NIGHT 2200-0500.)
- 4. HOME MINISTRYJUST INFORMED EMBASSY BY PHONE THAT INDIAN-BANGLADESH BORDER OPEN TO ANYONE WITH APPROPRIATE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.
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